

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL GUADALAJARA

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO CHIAPAS March 13 – 20, 2009

DETAILED ITINERARY:

March 13: SUMIDERO CANYON – CHIAPA DE CORZO – SAN CRISTOBAL



11:30 pm:

We will welcome you at Tuxtla's airport and will take you to Cahuare to take a boat trip in Sumidero Canyon.

12:30 to 3:00 pm:

Boat trip in Sumidero Canyon where you will see the ecosystem and beauty of one of the 13 wonders of Mexico.

3:30 to 5:00 pm:

We will go to Chiapa de Corzo to make a short visit and have a meal on your own.

6:00 pm:

We will head towards San Cristóbal.

7:00 pm:

Check in at San Cristóbal Hotel Casa Vieja www.casavieja.com.mx

March 14: CITY TOUR IN SAN CRISTOBAL – ZINACANTAN – SAN JUAN CHAMULA



8:00 to 8:45 am:

Time to have breakfast at hotel (included)

9:00 to 10:30 am:

We will do a walking city tour in San Cristóbal visiting the market, Arco del Carmen, Cathedral Church, Santo Domingo Church and the Main Plaza.

11:00 am to 12:30 pm:

We will visit Zinacantán and learn about their way of living and handmade textiles.

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm:

We will visit San Juan Chamula and learn about their traditions and religious rituals.

2:00 pm:

We will be returning to San Cristóbal.

Community service in the afternoon

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March 15: CHIFLON WATERFALLS – MONTEBELLO LAKES



7:30 to 8:00 am:

Time to have breakfast at hotel (included)

8:00 am:

We will head towards Chiflón Waterfalls and Montebello Lakes.

10:00 am to 12:00 pm:

You will be able to walk along the corridors uphill to where Chiflón waterfalls start. Or if you prefer you can swim in the permitted areas.

1:00 to 4:00 pm:

We will visit the main lakes including Montebello, Pojoj and Tziscão lakes. You will have time to rent a kayak (not included) or take a boat trip on one of the lakes. (Price not included... approximately \$70 per person). You will also have time to have a snack (quesadillas, tacos)

4:00 to 5:00 pm:

Time to make a short visit to Comitán and have former meal on your own

5:30 pm:

Time to return to San Cristóbal and around 7:30 pm we will arrive to our hotel. Casa Vieja Hotel www.casavieja.com.mx

March 16: AGUA AZUL AND MISOL HA WATERFALLS – ARRIVAL AT PALENQUE



8:00 to 8:30 am:

Time to have breakfast at hotel (included)

8:45 am:

Check out from hotel to visit two beautiful waterfalls: Agua Azul & Misol Ha.

You will be able to admire the view and swim in the clear waters.

If you want to swim it will be important to include in your baggage a bathing suit and a personal towel.

12:00 to 3:00 pm:

Time to explore Agua Azul and time to eat on your own

4:00 to 5:30 pm:

Time to explore Misol Ha

6:30 pm (approximately):

We will arrive at our hotel in Palenque

(Plaza Palenque Hotel) www.hotelesplaza.com.mx/palenque/index.htm

March 17: USUMACINTA RIVER – YAXCHILAN – LACANDONA JUNGLE



7:00 am:

Check out from hotel.

8:30 am:

Breakfast at Valle Escondido Restaurant in the way to Yaxchilán (included)

9:15 am:

We will drive towards the heart of the Lacandona Jungle.

10:30 am:

We will arrive to Frontera Corozal town where we will take a boat through the Usumacinta River to get to Yaxchilán.

11:30 to 2:30 pm:

We will visit Yaxchilán, beautiful city standing as if lost and unvisited in the middle of the jungle

2:30 pm:

Time to have meal on your own in Frontera Corozal
We will drive you to the Lacandon community of Lacanjá to sleep in Lacanjá cabins.

March 18: BONAMPAK – RAFTING



7:00 to 8:00 am:

Time to have breakfast in Lacanjá (included)

We will divide group in two teams if there are more than 24 students:

Team #1:

8:00 am to 12:00 pm:

You will have the RAFTING activity.

Snack after the activity (included) and spare time.

1:00 to 3:00 pm:

You will visit Bonampak archaeological site.

3:30 to 4:30 pm:

Time to have a meal on your own

Team #2:

8:30 to 10:30 am:

You will visit Bonampak archaeological site.

10:30 to 12:30 pm:

Time to have lunch on your own and spare time

12:30 to 4:30 pm:

You will have the RAFTING activity and a snack afterwards (included)

We will stay in Lacanjá for a second night!

March 19: PALENQUE – ARRIVAL TO SAN CRISTOBAL



7:50 to 8:30 am:

Time to have breakfast in Lacanjá

8:30 am:

We will leave Lacanjá and head back to Palenque.

11:00 am to 2:00 pm:

You will be able to visit the Palenque archaeological zone and visit some of the pyramids: Templo de las Inscripciones, Templo de la Reina Roja, Templo de la Calavera as well as the Main Palace among other buildings

2:00 pm:

Time for having meal on your own

3:00 pm:

We will leave Palenque towards San Cristóbal arriving at 7:30 pm approximately.
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March 20: COMMUNITY SERVICE – TRANSFER TO TUXTLA’S AIRPORT

8:00 to 8:45 am:

Time to have breakfast at hotel (included)

9:00 to 12:30:

Community service

1:00 pm:

We will check out from hotel and drive towards Tuxtla's airport
Arrival to Tuxtla Gutierrez airport to take flight back home....

PRICES PER PERSON:

	STUDENT IN QPL	STUDENT IN TPL	CHAPERONE IN DBL
Group of 20- 27 students	5,650	5,750	6,250
Group of 28- 35 students	5,150	5,250	5,300
Group of 36 - 40 students	4,750	4,850	4,950

NOTE:

Prices in PESOS

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights of accommodation in Casa Vieja Hotel in San Cristóbal
- 1 night of accommodation in Plaza Palenque Hotel
- 2 nights of accommodation in Lacanja’s cabins
- 7 breakfasts (juice, fruit, choice of eggs, bread, butter, tea or coffee)
- 8 days of land transportation in air conditioned bus with TV monitors & WC
- 8 days of Spanish speaking guide
- RAFTING ACTIVITY!
- Entrances fees to points of interest mentioned in itinerary
(including boat trip in Sumidero Canyon and Usumacinta River)